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Air Education and Training Command leaders visit FSH

By Steve Elliott
FSH News Leader

Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, made his first visit to Fort Sam Houston April 4 to learn more about Joint Base San Antonio.

Accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. James A. Cody, the AETC command chief master sergeant, Rice also toured several facilities and answered questions at an "All Call" session at the Fort Sam Houston Club.

The general is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. AETC trains more than 340,000 students

per year and consists of 12 bases, more than 70,600 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilians and contractors, and 1,380 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft.

Rice and Cody were escorted on Fort Sam Houston by 502nd Air Base Wing commander Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick and Chief Master Sgt. Juan C. Lewis, the 502nd ABW command chief master sergeant.

They received briefings about the 502nd ABW and 502nd Mission Support Group, took a windshield tour around the post, had lunch at the Medical Education and Training Campus dining facility and toured the new METC Air Force dormitory before heading to the Fort Sam Houston Club.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Teresa Rice and Mrs. Athena Cody ac-

companied Mrs. Lynne Patrick, Mrs. Shirley Bridgford and Mrs. Jeannette Lewis to the Warrior and Family Support Center for a tour of the facility and lunch. They also met with several wounded warriors and their spouses. The group then left for Army Community Services, where they met with a focus group of new military spouses and spouses of deployed service members.

The All Call started off with a recognition ceremony, with the general presenting the Bronze Star medal to Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Thornton, superintendent of construction and service for the 902nd Contracting Squadron at Randolph AFB, for meritorious service while stationed in Iraq.

Also recognized was Alfredo

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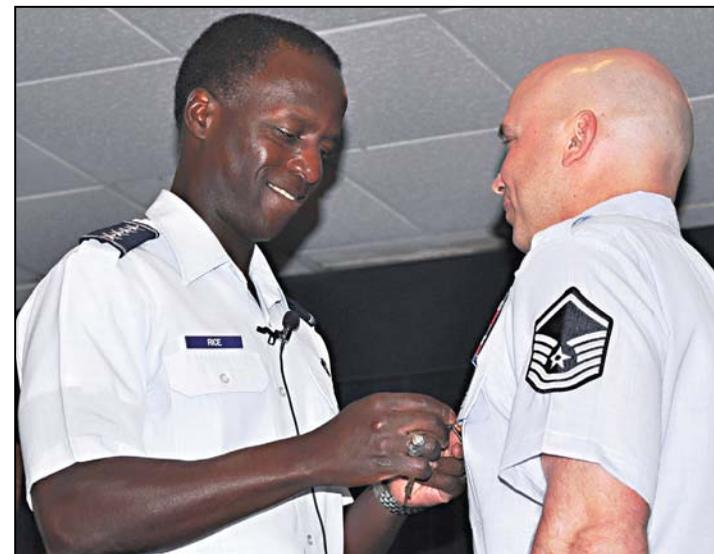


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International students get glance into operations at Army North

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

International students from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, based at Fort Benning, Ga., visited U.S. Army North March 25 after completing their capstone exercises to see how Army service component commands function.

Sixty-five students from Mexico, Panama, Nicaragua, Colombia, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Paraguay, El Salvador, Peru and Canada participated in discussions and workshops with ARNORTH personnel. The students also visited U.S. Army South and Joint Task Force-North, which is located at Fort Bliss, during their trip.

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Harold LeDoux (right), satellite systems supervisor, U.S. Army North, explains the operation of the Sentinel vehicle March 25 to students from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, based at Fort Benning, Ga., during a tour of Army North. Translation was provided to the visitors through their earphones, so they could listen in their native language as LeDoux described the vehicle's capabilities.

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DOD to drop social security numbers from ID cards

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Beginning June 1, Social Security numbers on military identification cards will begin to disappear, said Air Force Maj. Monica M. Matoush, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

The effort is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DOD identification card holders from identity theft, officials said.

Criminals use Social Security numbers to

steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

Currently, the Social Security number is printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees.

Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DOD identification number replacing the Social Security num-

ber, officials said.

The DOD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

In 11-digit DOD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DOD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor, the official said, and the last two

digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The department will replace identification cards as they expire.

"Because cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DOD ID number," Matoush said.

The identity protection program began in 2008, when DOD started removing Social Security numbers from family member identification cards.

Military Historical Trivia

Q. When Apache war chief Geronimo was a prisoner in the Quadrangle, where did he stay?

- In the tower.
- In the storage room.
- In a teepee.
- In an Army tent.



A. The answer is "D." The Quadrangle, built in 1876 as a supply depot has a distinguishing historical past housing Indian outlaws, including the notorious Apache war chief, Geronimo. He stayed in a Army tent for six weeks following his surrender in Arizona to General Nelson A. Miles in 1886. Legend states that the deer on the grounds were introduced for Geronimo to feel more at home during his confinement but nobody really knows why the deer and other animals have been there for more than 100 years.

Thought of the Week

They who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

— Benjamin Franklin

Weekly Weather Watch

	Apr. 7	Apr. 8	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 12
San Antonio Texas	88° Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	90° Partly Cloudy	90° Partly Cloudy	89° Sunny	86° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	66° Mostly Sunny	66° Partly Cloudy	66° Partly Cloudy	60° Showers	60° Showers	64° Scattered Showers
Baghdad Iraq	85° Sunny	87° Mostly Sunny	83° Partly Cloudy	83° Sunny	84° Sunny	84° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

News Briefs

Fiesta & Fireworks

Fort Sam Houston's largest event, Fiesta and Fireworks, will be 1-9 p.m. April 10 at MacArthur Parade Field. Enjoy live entertainment, a wide variety of food and beverages, elaborate military ceremonies and fireworks finale. Open to the public. Visit <http://www.FortSamHoustonMWR.com> for more information.

LMH Closure

Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed April 8 in order for the staff to attend their corporate awards presentation.

Army Officer Candidate School

The 502nd Force Support Squadron, Military Personnel Branch will conduct an Army Officer Candidate School structure interview board May 20 at 8 a.m. in Building 2263 Stanley Road, Room 117B. Soldiers must have a bachelor degree and 35 years old or younger, no exceptions. For a complete listing and checklist of the OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/Operations/Accessions/OCS/index.htm>. Packets must be submitted by May 11. Call 221-0885 or 221-0995 for information.

New Form to Request Systems Access

The Fort Sam Houston Network Enterprise Center is now using DD Form 2875 to request systems access (network services). The NEC will no longer accept the local CSFS 394 to request network services. People can access blank DD form 2875 in the Pure Edge forms folder or at http://fsh-intranet.amedd.army.mil/nec/documents/forms/DD2875_NetworkAcct_3-11-11.pdf. Call 221-HELP or 221-4357 for information.

FSHISD Board of Trustees Nominations

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is accepting nominations for three positions on the Board of Trustees.

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56th Signal Battalion uncases colors, changes responsibility

By Steve Elliott
FSH News Leader

Another U.S. Army unit now calls Fort Sam Houston home, as the 56th Signal Battalion uncased its colors in a ceremony at the post flagpole April 1.

The occasion also marked the change of responsibility

for the battalion's command sergeant major.

Since its original activation in 1927, the battalion has been at many locations supporting the Army's warfighters by installing, operating, maintaining and managing defense communications, sustaining base communications and informa-

tion mission services in support of U.S. Southern Command, its service components and other governmental agencies in theater.

These locations include stops in South Carolina, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Panama, Puerto Rico and most recently at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Currently, the 56th Signal Battalion is arrayed across the United States and Central and South America in direct support of U.S. Army South and U.S. Southern Command to include the Army Signal Activity-SOUTHCOM in Miami, Fla., and smaller elements in Columbia, Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic.

"This is a new beginning



Command Sgt. Maj. Carl S. Adams Sr. accepts the NCO sword signifying the change of responsibility at the battalion's top enlisted position from Lt. Col. Kevin L. Griggs, commander of the 56th Signal Battalion April 1. Adams replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Lemuel L. Brock.

for our unit," said Lt. Col. Kevin L. Griggs, the battalion's commander. "Today, we are Texans.

"We are a unit in transition, Griggs added. "We haven't stayed in one spot very long, but we are always positioned to support the warfighter."

After the uncasing of the colors, another ceremony heralded the change in responsibility in the battalion's top enlisted position from Command Sgt. Maj. Lemuel L. Brock to Command Sgt. Maj. Carl S. Adams Sr.



Photos by Steve Elliott

Command Sgt. Maj. Carl S. Adams Sr. and Lt. Col. Kevin L. Griggs of the 56th Signal Battalion uncasing the colors of the battalion at a ceremony at the post flagpole April 1.

264th Med. Bn. honors Women's History Month, Medal of Honor recipient

By 1st Lt. Otto Thomas
Delta Company, 264th Medical Battalion

In honor of Women's History Month, the 264th Medical Battalion's Delta Company held a Medal of Honor Ceremony March 29 to pay homage to Dr. Mary E. Walker, the first and only female recipient of the Medal of Honor.

While Walker was being honored for her service, the company also recognized Irene Hall, one of the recipients of the Dr. Mary E Walker award.

Hall and company commander Capt. Gene Thomas opened the event by unveiling the Medal of Honor statute displayed at the company's headquarters.

Hall said she felt "delighted" to honor Dr. Walker's role as an "American heroine" and hoped that "Soldiers will read the plague and reflect on her courage to serve those in need."

"I am honored to be the commander of a unit that recognized the sacrifices that women have made for our country," Thomas said. "Having a recipient of the Dr. Walker award present for the ceremony made the event all the more special."

"The contributions that women have made throughout our military history isn't doubted by their brothers-in-arms and the memorial to Dr. Walker is a core reflection of the Battalion's mission, said Lt. Col. Timothy L. Hudson, 264th Medical Battalion commander.

"The Medal of Honor memorial is a subcomponent within the synergistic Soldierization mission of the 264th Medical Battalion," Hudson said. "A key component of our mission is to instill Army values and the warrior ethos, contributing to creating a discipline force.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Gene Thomas and Irene Hall unveil the Dr. Mary E Walker Medal of Honor statue at Delta Company, 264th Medical Battalion's headquarters.

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Nominees for the Board of Trustees may be a service member, military Family member or a civilian employee residing or employed on Fort Sam Houston. Nominees should have an anticipated retention date at this location through July 20, 2013; be a registered voter in the state of Texas and have been a resident in the state of Texas for 12 months on or before July 20. Individuals nominated must volunteer and be willing to serve on the Board of Trustees without pay. Nominees must submit their resume and memorandum by close of business April 22. For more information, call 295-4806.

Speed Limit around Wilford Hall changes

The posted speed limit for roads around Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base is now 20 mph. Call the 59th Medical Wing Safety Office at 292-7233 for information.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The Fort Sam Houston AER Fund Campaign runs through April 30. This year's campaign theme is "Helping to make Soldiers and their Families ARMY STRONG." Army Emergency Relief assistance is available to Soldiers and their Families, wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need. To donate or for assistance, call 221-1612/0994 or visit <http://www.aerhq.org>.

Tax Centers Taking Appointments

The Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center and the satellite tax center at Brooke Army Medical Center are open. Active duty service members, their Family members and military retirees are eligible for free tax preparation services. The FSH main location at 2272 Rattlesnake Road is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment only, call 295-1040. The BAMC location is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., by appointment only, call 916-1040.

470th MI Brigade conducts team building for teachers

By Gregory Rippes
470th Military Intelligence Brigade

March 28 was a holiday for students at Bowden Elementary, but for teachers at the school, it was a day for team building, with help from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Six Soldiers from the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and Carla Weeks, the brigade commander's executive assistant, oversaw the team building exercises with the school's academic staff. Capt. Gina Aviles, HHD commander, led the contingent.

Weeks has coordinated a number of team building events for the brigade's Family Readiness Group in her previous position as family readiness support assistant. She said the day's training consisted primarily of three games designed to strengthen working relationships and build mutual support through teamwork.

Bowden Elementary, located south of Fort Sam Houston and in the San Antonio Independent School District, "partnered" with the brigade through the

Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School Program.

The program contributes military resources and services to schools in order to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth of children in the greater Fort Sam Houston area, to increase



A blindfolded team member on a scooter holds a puzzle piece aloft as his fellow team member tries to maneuver him through obstacles. The members of this team and other teams are teachers at Bowden Elementary School. Seven members of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade conducted the team building training at the school March 28.

public awareness of the Army's mission, and to foster good relations.

Guadalupe Diaz, Bowden's principal, said the team building training was an important first step to whatever they try to accomplish at the school through the program.

"We have to have buy-in from the staff, who are directly involved with the students," Diaz said. "We need to move forward as a team. We can't leave a teacher behind."

Diaz said the team building was very timely, taking place just prior to TAKS testing.

"We are coming into a stressful time," she explained. "Our days have been so jam-packed, we hadn't had time for team building."

Since the team building, Diaz said she has received "really awesome input" and now her staff wants it on a regular basis. The Soldiers who helped with the team building exercises agreed they were well received.

"Everyone at the school was very appreciative. They put a lot of effort into it," said Pfc. Erin Tucker, one of the facilitators. "They want us back."



Photos by 1st Sgt. Heather Green

Three members of a team await other members to bring them the missing pieces of a puzzle in the team building game of Puzzled. Although the puzzle is simple, those gathering the pieces are blind-folded and pushed on a "scooter" by another team member. They have to avoid obstacles, and once they pick up a piece, they have to take it to the "hole" (a hula hoop) and drop it in before other team members, in silence, place the piece. Each team tries to finish the puzzle in the shortest time. Spc. Lamont Binette of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade monitors this team during team building at Bowden Elementary School March 28.

Center for the Intrepid visit inspires Lackland leaders

By Mike Joseph
Lackland AFB Public Affairs

As a group of Lackland senior leaders and squadron commanders started their Center for the Intrepid tour on Fort Sam Houston, one commander's whispered reaction spoke volumes: "Wow!"

After spending March 16 touring the CFI, hearing from a wounded Airman and visiting the Warrior and Family Support Center, "amazing," "impressive" and "inspirational" became common adjectives during and after the tour for the 18 Lackland leaders to describe the wounded warriors, facilities and staff.

The offsite visit served as the

March Lackland leadership forum, hosted by the 37th Training Wing. The monthly forums bring together 37th TRW, 802nd Mission Support Group and 59th Medical Wing squadron commanders with senior wing and group leaders.

"The forums get squadron commanders together for an opportunity to interact," said Lt. Col. Clifford Rich, Inter-American Air Forces Academy, 318th Training Squadron commander, adding that squadron commanders also receive insight from senior leaders.

"The (CFI visit) was a chance to become more aware of the impact squadron commanders can have on injured Airmen and the importance of taking

care of our Airmen," Rich said.

The state-of-the-art equipped rehabilitation center, adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center, is unparalleled in its care for military members with severe extremity injuries and amputations. The center provides wounded warriors an opportunity to maximize their ability to live and work productively.

Col. William H. Mott V, 37th TRW commander, knew from experience the CFI's powerful effect.

"You see the difficulty of being a wounded warrior and then you see how much spirit they have; it's inspirational," Mott said. "This trip for the leadership forum is the perfect example of what I'm trying to

(accomplish by the forums): unity, togetherness and perspective."

The group listened intently to Staff Sgt. Chris Curtis, CV-22 Osprey flight engineer, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., as the wounded warrior described in detail his experience.

He had suffered life-threatening injuries - significant blood loss and multiple fractures to his back, face, legs, left arm and pelvis - when the Osprey he was assigned to crashed in Afghanistan last April. Airlifted out of theater and transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Curtis arrived at Fort

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Sam Houston in August to continue his recuperation after 14 surgeries and rehab.

“Chris’ amazing recovery comes down to leadership,” said Lt. Col. J.W. DeLoach, Defense Language Institute English Language Center, International Operations Squadron commander, who arranged the meeting with Curtis, a personal and family friend. “Because of decisions leadership made, Chris is actually physically better.

“From the MAJCOM commander (Lt. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander, Air Force Special Operations Command) all the way



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Staff Sgt. Chris Curtis, 8th Special Operations Squadron, talks about the care and support he has received at the Center for the Intrepid.

down to the squadron level, they decided to do the right thing (in taking care of Curtis and his family). It’s been really impressive.”

In addition to understanding the difference

leadership made in Curtis’ recovery, the Lackland group learned first hand the importance of emergency verification contacts. Because Curtis had not updated his mother’s contact information, it was 12 hours from the time of the crash until she was notified.

“I just talked to our first sergeant about emergency contacts,” said Lt. Col. George Irving, 324th Training Squadron commander. “We cover it (repeatedly) with the trainees. You know about the need to keep it updated and this is a prime example of (the importance).”

Irving came away

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418TH MEDLOG GAINS NEW COMMANDER



Photo by Lori Newman

Lt. Col. Kenneth Lemons (center), commander, 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, passes the guidon to Capt. Joseph Fisher, incoming commander, entrusting him with the responsibility of the 418th Medical Logistics Company as outgoing commander Capt. Francisco Gumataotao looks on during a ceremony April 1 at the Fort Sam Houston flagpole.

TEXAS CAVALIERS SPREAD FIESTA CHEER TO WOUNDED WARRIORS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Bill Mitchell (left), who serves as King Antonio LXXXIX for Fiesta 2011, presents free Fiesta parade tickets for wounded warriors to Judith Markelz, director of the Warrior and Family Support Center, at the Warrior and Family Support Center March 23. Also participating in the ticket presentation were: Brian Daugherty, director of Army Community Service; Mark Johnson Jr., Cavaliers' River Parade Marshal; Markelz; Annette Wiggins, military president of the Military-Civilian Club; and Col. Wayne Shanks, Army North public affairs officer. The Texas Cavaliers Association donated 200 free tickets for wounded warriors and 1,000 free tickets for service members of Joint Base San Antonio to attend the Texas Cavaliers River Parade April 11.

USAMITC, MEDCOM team up to improve medical records tracking

By Kenneth Blair Hogue
USAMITC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center has partnered with the U.S. Army Medical Command and the Military Health System to better track patient care and maintain Soldiers' medical records, by deploying its Clinical Information System – the Essentris® Clinical Suite.

The Essentris® system is an inpatient electronic health record system which allows for standardized usage across all Army medical treatment facilities for all beneficiaries, including active duty, National Guard, reserves, dependents and retirees.

It is the counterpart of the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal

Technology Application which is the MHS electronic health record solution.

“Although the system had been around for years, the war in Iraq helped to increase the rate of the deployment,” said James Hickey, USAMITC's project director branch chief and project manager for the AMEDD Essentris® deployment.

“The U.S. started receiving a greater number of casualties, and sent them to Landstuhl, Germany, first before bringing them to the U.S.,” he said.

“The health care team needed an improved way to track patient care, because it was difficult to ascertain conditions and render follow-on care from paperwork attached

to patients, which was how it was done before,” Hickey said. This provision of the patient's electronic medical record is what made the difference.

“After the deployment of the Essentris® system in Landstuhl, it was clear the system worked,” Hickey added.

The Veterans Administration also has access for when patients move between the Department of Defense and the VA via the Bidirectional Health Information Exchange, which is a secure database system link with real-time viewable electronic health information between the departments.

The BHIE came about as a way to move medical information from Landstuhl to the VA. Essentris® and BHIE are

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systems working together to benefit each other and support continuity in patient care.

“The same time the Essentris® deployment was going on,” said Kathleen Sotello, senior analyst for the Chief Medical Information Officer for the Army, “we had been working to

standardize the database for the MTFs that were deployed earlier prior to the standardized deployment.”

“The Army took the lead in completing this project,” said Essentris® Project Manager Elaine Washington. “The Navy and Air Force are also deploying their Essen-

tris® counterparts.”

“The Air Force asked USAMITC to deploy Essentris® to Wilford Hall Medical Center because of the Base Realignment and Closure action resulting in shared patients and shared staff at the two facilities in San Antonio,” she added, referring to Brooke Army Medical Center and WHMC.

“USAMITC's Project Management Team worked with individual MTFs to stay within their missions and to make sure the vendors met the MTF needs,” Washington said.

“This was definitely a team effort,” Hickey said. “We brought a team aboard and made sure everyone was brought up to speed on how and why we were deploying Essentris®.”

AMEDD CIVILIAN CORPS' 15TH ANNIVERSARY



Photo by Esther Garcia

(From left) Sgt. Marcus Chaisson, NCOIC of the Army Medical Department's Corps Specific Branch Proponency Office; Annalyn Wolf, administrative assistant to Gregg Stevens: AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief; Liz Holder, visual information specialist; Gregg Stevens, MEDCOM Command Sgt. Major Althea Dixon; Diana Garrido, HQ MEDCOM Human Resources specialist; Nancy Quick, civilian corps proponent officer; and Marty Arevalo, AMEDD Civilian Corps program advisor, cut the birthday cake celebrating the 15th birthday of the AMEDD Civilian Corps. Approximately 46,000 AMEDD civilians work in more than 250 occupations, with 35,000 working in 66 health care occupations.

JBSA EXERCISE TESTS MILITARY AFTER SIMULATED CHEMICAL ATTACK



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Josie Walck

Master Sgt. Tammy Freeman (center) briefs exercise participants after a simulated chemical attack during an anti-terrorism exercise at Lackland Air Force Base on March 30. The three-day exercise simulated the release of a nerve agent and involved units at Lackland, Randolph AFB and Fort Sam Houston. Freeman is superintendent of the 59th Medical Wing Exercise Evaluation Team and Inspector General Office.

Fort Sam Houston fields three winners at Army journalism competition

Three people from Fort Sam Houston took honors at the recent Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Public Affairs Communication Competition, with two winning at U.S. Army level and the other one for the Installation Management Command.

The competition recognizes military and civilian employee print and broadcast practitioners for journalistic excellence in furthering the objectives of the Department of the Army public affairs program.

Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson from the U.S. Army North public affairs office took second place at the U.S. Army level in Category J (Feature

Article-Military) with his story titled "Army North Soldiers meet, greet children of deployed parents during Operation Purple," which appeared in the August 2010 edition of ARNORTH Monthly.

Steve Elliott, editor of the Fort Sam Houston News Leader, took third place at both the U.S. Army and IMCOM level in Category L (Sports Article-Civilian) for the story titled "West dominates East, 30-14, at U.S. Army All-American Bowl," which appeared in the News Leader Jan. 14, 2010.

For IMCOM, Elliott also took first place in Category J (Feature Article-Civilian) for the article titled "Virtual re-

ality helps Soldiers deal with real world burn pain" which appeared Feb. 4, 2010. He also placed second in Category T, which is for the Moss-Holland Civilian Journalist of the Year.

Also at the IMCOM level, Dimice Perry, marketing director for the 502nd Force Support Squadron's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation took first place in Category P (Contribution by a Stringer-Writing) for her story titled "Horseback riding program now provides certified therapy for wounded warriors," which appeared in the Nov. 4, 2010 edition of the Fort Sam Houston News Leader.

AMEDDC&S BEGINS AER CAMPAIGN

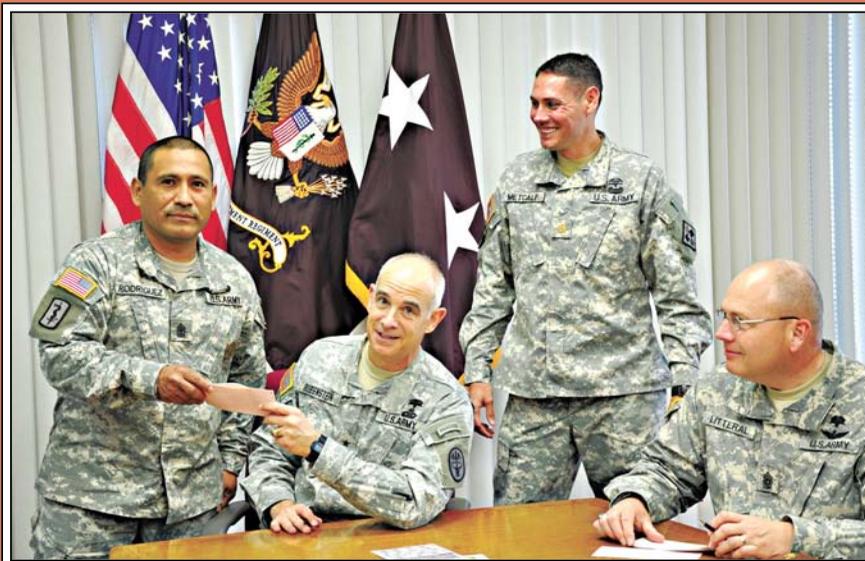


Photo by Esther Garcia

Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School, presents his Army Emergency Relief donation to Sgt. Maj. Jorge Rodriguez, senior enlisted advisor, Medical Capabilities Integration Center and AER representative for AMEDDC&S on April 1. Next to Rubenstein is Maj. Darryl Metcalf, Directorate Combat Doctrine Development and AER representative, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Litteral, commandant, Noncommissioned Officer's Academy. Last year, AMEDDC&S raised \$94,741 for AER. AER is a private nonprofit organization that provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families. 89 cents of every dollar a person contributes goes to help Soldiers. For information about donating, contact unit representative. At AMEDDC&S, call 221-7629.

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“The main thing I want students to understand is the integration and synchronization of joint interagency, intergovernmental and multinational forces within Army North,” said Lt. Col. Tony Carbone, director, School of Professional Military Education, WHINSEC.

The visit provided the students an opportunity to see some of the operational command and control and interagency coordination capabilities of Army North in supporting civilian authorities to provide security for the U.S. homeland, Carbone said.

Army North leaders briefed the students on the unit’s mission sets and current operations before conducting a question and discussion session. Following the

session, the students toured the Current Operations Intelligence Center and learned about the command’s unique operational vehicles: the Sentinel and the Emergency Response Vehicle.

“This visit to Army North enabled the students to understand our mission, organization and how we do business, specifically in the areas of support to civil authorities and security cooperation,” said Col. Hector Salinas, chief, Security Cooperation Division, Army North.

Salinas said the visit benefited Army North as well.

“One of our principal tenets is to build capacity and capabilities in order to be able to work effectively with our partners,” Salinas said. “Additionally, partner nations provide resources and efforts in achiev-

ing common goals.”

Maj. Julio Hernandez, a WHINSEC student, who serves as an operations chief at Hector Caraccioli Moncada Air Base in Honduras, said improving civil support operations was important in his country and that he was interested in the Sentinel.

“In 1998, Hurricane Mitch was a great force to improve our procedures to manage disasters,” said Hernandez. “We worked together and supported civilian authorities. Our country is small; we have to use all our resources. The main thing is how the military supports civilian authorities and how to match technology to help in this mission.”

On a side note, Hernandez also praised Army North’s efforts to preserve and beautify the Quadrangle grounds.

“It’s a beautiful place,” Hernandez said. “I think we have to be in touch with the past – be proud.”

WHINSEC is a Department of Defense educational facility that provides professional education and training to eligible military, law enforcement and civilian personnel of nations of the Western Hemisphere within the context of the democratic principles set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States.

The institute offers 19 professional courses in residence and eight courses are taught by mobile training teams at the request of partner nations. The 49-week Intermediate Level Education course is based on the Combined Arms Center’s Command and General Staff College course.

AETC from P1

G. Sanchez, chief of operations compliance for the 902nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, for 40 years of service.

Approximately 250 civilians and service members from Lackland and Randolph AFBs and Fort Sam Houston listened as Rice discussed his impressions of how Joint Base San Antonio is working. The general also touched on items such as the military budget and how the Air Force must be more efficient.

“We will be under budget constraints for the foreseeable future, and it doesn’t just apply to the military,” the general said. “We can and must be more efficient in the things we do, so we are asking you to do the most important and most productive things you can.

“When we take a close look at the processes we use, we can usually find some way to cut out some waste,” Rice added. “This is going to be

with us for a while, so it’s also important that we give people a chance to give us feedback and weigh in on issues that concern them.”

Cody then got up to talk about opportunity.

“Each of us will be presented with opportunities in our careers and lives to improve ourselves and the things around us,” he said. “You have to be thinking about it and looking for it, because the windows of opportunity are sometimes very limited.

“We want to hear from the experts so the smart decisions can be made about our Air Force,” Cody added, echoing the general’s call for more efficiency.

The chief also stressed that in today’s electronically connected world, where people spend so much time on social networks, that face-to-face contact is still important.

“We used to be better connected on a personal level,” Cody said. “We

See AETC, P12

2011 FIESTA ROYALTY JOINS IN EARLY MORNING RUN



(Above) Nellie Medina, a 13-year-old dancer with the Ballet del Cielo Folklorico dance group, hikes up her folklorico dress and hangs on to her colorful headband as she joins Soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy in the annual 32nd Medical Brigade Viva Fiesta Run. Medina said she wanted to join the run and her outfit was not going to stop her. Medina and members of the Folklorico entertained the Soldiers prior to the run held April 1.

Photos by Esther Garcia

(From left) Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School; King Antonio LXXXIX William Mitchell; and Col. William LaChance, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade lead more than 3,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen in the annual 32nd Medical Brigade Viva Fiesta Run April 1.



(Above) Command Sgt. Major Harry Tharp, of the 32nd Medical Brigade joins Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School, and members of the 2011 Fiesta Royalty greet more than 3,000 Soldiers, Navy and Air Force personnel as they complete the annual 32nd Medical Brigade Viva Fiesta Run April 1. The run is an opportunity to introduce Fiesta to the military.

AETC from P10

need to get to know our people ... know that they have kids and a family. This is something you don't have the time not to do. A quick personal interaction can help someone for days, weeks even years down the line."

Answering a question about the skill sets the Air Force needs to cultivate in its military and civilian forces, Cody said, "The effect each of our military and civilian members has on the entire service is greater than it's ever been. The young people coming up now are so much different than when some of us came in. Skills that deal with the transfer of information are what we need to be able to cultivate and exploit in the future. If you're illiterate – from an information technology

standpoint – it's going to be harder for you to survive in the Air Force."

Addressing a question about the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law on openly gay service members, Rice emphasized that, "We all have to be professional. We understand that based on factors like people's experiences, upbringing, religion, etc., that it will be different for everyone."

Cody added, "Standards of conduct will not change. There will be bumps along the road, just as there is with any change of policy.

"We expect you to treat people with dignity and respect," the general stressed. "We're all in this together and we will work our way through this. How we approach this, defines who we are as an Air Force."

CFI from P5

from his first CFI visit "blown away, impressed, very inspired and motivated."

"Pretty much everything positive you can possibly think," he said.

Irving said after hearing Curtis' story, it reinforced the principles taught in basic military training about leaders taking care of their Airmen.

Before the trip, Mott summed up how the center affected him from previous visits.

"When you look at some of the challenges our wounded warriors are facing and that they're taking it on with spirit and gusto and doing well, when you see how much the medical military professionals are supporting them, you're proud to be in the service," he said.

AMEDDC&S CIVILIANS OF THE YEAR SELECTED



(From left) Wayne Barth, deputy chief of staff, Army Medical Department Center and School presents the 2010 AMEDDC&S Civilians of the Year during leadership call at Blesse Auditorium March 31. Nominated for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments, Yolanda Evans, Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute won the GS-8 and below, non-supervisory category; Julie Gueller, Medical Capabilities integration Center, won in the GS-9 and above non-supervisory category; and Tammy Griswold, Quality Assurance Office, won the GS-14 and above supervisory category. Each received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service plus a reserved parking space and monetary award.

Photo by Esther Garcia

BAMC PARKING GARAGE, PHASE I

The new Brooke Army Medical Center parking garage opened to BAMC phase one staff April 4, while additional staff be phased in throughout April. This six-level, 1.8 million-square-foot, 5,000-space parking garage was needed to accommodate additional employees and patients arriving at BAMC as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law. The garage has six elevators, emergency telephones and more than 2,000 security cameras monitored around the clock to keep patients and staff safe. The new facility will initially be open from 6:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, with gradual earlier openings to accommodate traffic during the first month of operation. For more information, contact the BAMC

Provost
Marshal at
916-1493.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

FSH Soldiers take part in annual Bataan Memorial Death March

Soldiers from several units at Fort Sam Houston took part in the 22nd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March 27 on the White Sands Missile Range, outside Las Cruces, N.M., to honor and recognize a special group of World War II veterans.

Considered one of the most toughest marathons in the world, the grueling 26.2-mile course starts at a 5,200-foot elevation and climbs up and over hills, around mountains, on dirt trails and through sand pits, in the sun and heat, with winds blowing up to 40 miles per hour.

The march honors a group of World War II veterans who defended the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino Soldiers surrendered to the Japanese forces. They were forced to march more than 70 miles in the scorching heat to POW camps without food and water. They marched for days and thousands died from dehydration, while others were shot on the trail to speed up the march.

"It's just a taste of what the survivors had to go through," said Sgt. Robert McPherson from Company B, 264th Medical Battalion. "I truly honor and respect them."

McPherson placed first in the Military Heavy 40-50-year-old category with a time of 5 hours, 43 minutes. This was not his first march, as last year his team finished second in the National Guard

Heavy category with a time of 6:13.

In the past 22 years, the memorial march has grown to include more than 6,400 participants. All are looking for a challenge, or to foster spirit de corps within their unit, or to honor a family member or

Bataan veteran.

"It's great to see it growing, said Staff Sgt. Eric Shepard from Company B, 264th Medical Battalion. "The first time I came in 2001, there was 3,000 people. I would love to see it grow to 10,000 participants."

For many, this was the first time par-

ticipating in the Bataan Memorial Death March.

"The experience was amazing," said Spc. Cheryl Salaiz, 471st Transportation Company, 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), who competed in the Military Light Female division. "It's one thing to hear about the event that took place so long ago, but another thing to

experience what fellow soldiers went through."

"It's my way of saying 'Thanks' for the freedom they gave us and the opportunity for us to serve," said Capt. Kate Schrumm, Company D, 187th Medical Battalion. Also her first time taking part in the march, she completed it in 6:38. She placed third overall in the Female

Heavy category, which includes full uniform and a 35-pound rucksack.

(Staff Sgt. Nina J. Ramon of the 90th Military History Detachment, 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo Gutierrez, Medical Education and Training Campus, contributed to this story.)

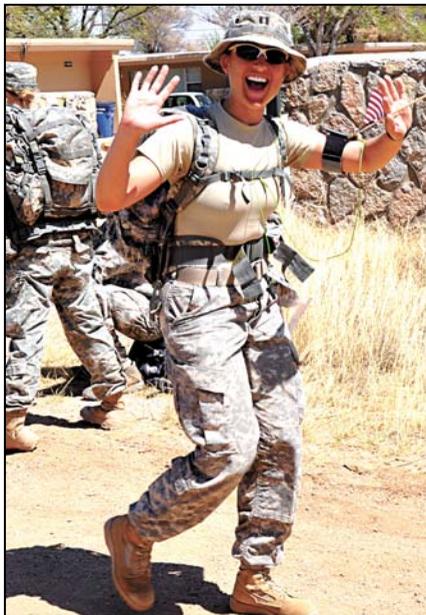


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo Gutierrez
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Courtesy photo

(From left) Capt. Ruth Castro, 4th ESC Public Affairs; Capt. Kimberly Taylor, 4th ESC Provost Marshal; Sgt. Ruth Salinas, 4th ESC Mobilization human resource specialist; Staff Sgt. Nina J. Ramon, 90th Military History Detachment; and Sgt. Angela Munoz, 4th ESC G3 Operations human resources specialist, made up the Lady Rebels team. The group took third place in their division



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ricardo Gutierrez
Sgt. Robert McPherson from Company B, 264th Medical Battalion, finished in first place in the Male Military Heavy 40-50-year-old category.

FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES APRIL 11-16

**Non-Resident Transfer Applications
will be available April 20**

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Stadium, 9-10:30 a.m.

April 11

Fiesta Celebration at Cole
Stadium, 9-10:30 a.m.

April 12

King Antonio Visit, 9:40-9:55
a.m.

April 14

D.A.R.E Ceremony
TAKS Pep Rally, 1:30 p.m.

April 15

Make-up day for Inclement
Weather
Early Release at 11 a.m.

Cole Middle/High School

April 11

Fiesta Celebration at Cole

April 12

Varsity Baseball vs. Nixon-
Smiley at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

April 13

JV/Varsity Boys and Girls
District Track Meet at Judson
High School, TBA

April 14

JV/Varsity Boys and Girls
District Track Meet at Judson
High School, TBA

April 15

Make-up day for Inclement
Weather
Early Release at 11:40 a.m.
Baseball at Luling, JV at 4:30
p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

GARDENING PROJECT GROWS

1. Bryce Hogan (front) and Nathaniel Goering plant seeds March 31 in the newly built garden at the Fort Sam Houston School Age Services, Building 1703. The gardening project received extra support this year in the form of a \$500 gift card to The Home Depot from kidsgardening.org. SAS was one of 100 programs to receive the 2011 Youth Garden Grant sponsored by The Home Depot Garden Club presented by the National Gardening Association.

2. Jan Faulkner helps children plant a tomato plant in the second of two gardens planted near the new School Age Services Building. "I don't know if it's watching things grow or playing in the dirt but the kids are so excited about planting the gardens," Faulkner said. "Bexar County 4-H outreach program also gave as \$150 toward our garden project this year in addition to the \$500 from the Kidgardening organization."

3. The children first prepared the soil, spreading it evenly, before planting carrots, cucumbers, melons and tomatoes. The SAS program was selected from more than 1,200 proposals submitted to Kidgardening.org.

4. Ajacia Miles (left) and Josephine Goering plant a tomato plant March 31 as part of the School Ages Services garden project.

Photos by Lori Newman



Cowboys for Heroes cooks up good time, good food for military families

By Lori Newman
FSH News Leader

The Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center grounds looked like a scene from the Old West pioneer days with chuck wagons cookin' up vittles, horses stirring up dust and kids practicing their ropin' skills during the Cowboys for Heroes event April 2.

More than 1,500 people attended the 6th annual event, which featured a variety of foods cooked from scratch over campfires. Chuck wagons lined the field serving a variety of beef stews, kabobs, chicken, beans, peach cobbler and homemade ice cream.

"When you look around, what you are seeing is a wonderful demonstration of American values," said Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander. "That is what our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard are out there defending for us every single day.

"When you think of American history and heritage you think of pioneer spirit. You think of the ranching way of life, you think of the cowboys," Garr added.

"All of you today have helped bring that together as a reminder of connecting our American heritage and history to what we are today and the values that we want to take into our future," the colonel said.

"Our Soldiers are the driving force behind this," said Mitch Morgan, who came all the way from Missouri to participate in the event.

"I have two sons who are Soldiers and I'm a Viet-



Stacy Diaz, performs tricks on horseback during the Cowboys for Heroes event April 2.

Photos by Lori Newman

Gerardo "Jerry" Diaz, Charro de Corazon, and his son, Nicholas, perform at the Cowboys for Heroes event April 2 at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. See more photos of this event at <http://www.sam-houston.army.mil/pao>.



Soren Goble, 4, tries his hand at mutton bustin', but his sheep isn't in the mood to run.



Members of the Outlaw Drill Team entertain the crowd at the Cowboys for Heroes event at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 2.



Lonnie Tegeler from Rocking T Chuck Wagon serves up some beans April 2 at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.

nam vet. I would do anything for a Soldier," Morgan said. "I just feel so good to be able to serve them, as they serve for us."

Garr thanked all the volunteer chuck wagon teams, the companies that donated the food and other items, the Fort Sam Houston chaplains and Family and MWR, for their help and support.

"I know a lot of hard work goes into putting this event together," the colonel said. "I have a lot of favorite events at Fort Sam, but this one is really my favorite, because this embodies the spirit of what we are as Americans."

"We just feel this is a way we can pay a little bit back to our military families," said chuck wagon cook Steve Hull, who also made the trip from Missouri.



Children enjoy a ride around the Equestrian Center grounds at the Cowboys for Heroes event April 2. There was also a petting zoo, Mutton Bustin', food and music to entertain both young and old.

FSH commemorates Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Cheryl Harrison
Warfighter and Family Readiness, Marketing

In the civilian world, the month of April is usually celebrated by the onset of spring and the Easter holiday. If you happen to live in San Antonio, it's Fiesta time!

But to the military community, April means much more.

First, April is celebrated as the Month of the Military Child. It's a time to honor and celebrate the children whose parents serve their country. To these children, that means sacrifice and separation from a parent, but also an opportunity to grow and become more resilient than most children.

Military children are very special, since they are also serving their country as they watch moms and dads go off to war for months or a year at a time.

On a much more somber note, April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to remind people of the travesty of abuse to children, not only our own locally, but across the nation.

Military communities across our nation and overseas have come together to celebrate the joy, resiliency and the future our children represent with cer-



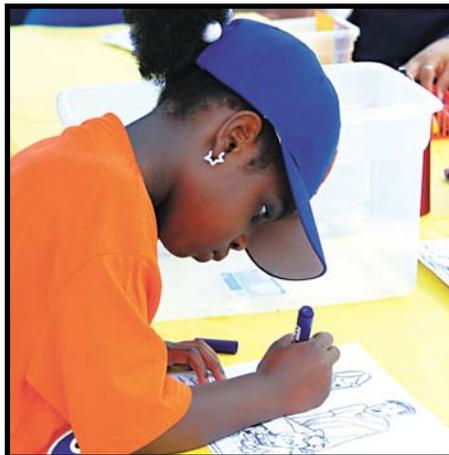
Rebekkah Harrison, 5, enjoys some free cotton candy while taking a break from all the games at the Family Fun Day.

emonies, Family Fun Days and special events.

Fort Sam Houston, Joint Base San Antonio and the 502nd Force Support Squadron are no exception and April is a very busy time for its Families, especially the children.

The Family Advocacy Program held an opening ceremony at the Roadrunner Community Center April 1 for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Approximately 60 people were present to see a short historical film about the history of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

"It was 1873. Mary-Ellen was 9 years old when a church worker, Mrs.



Kyla Mason, 5, takes a few minutes to color a picture at the craft tables during the Family Fun Day held April 2 at Dodd Field. Several craft tables were available for the children to demonstrate their artistic talents including creating a postcard for Soldiers away on deployments.

Etta Wheeler, who had been asked to visit the family, found Mary-Ellen shackled to her bed, grossly malnourished, scarred and badly beaten. Wheeler was so appalled by what she saw that she went to the authorities to report this horrifying child abuse.

"The authorities turned her away. But Wheeler refused to take no for an answer; she petitioned the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Animals were protected, but children were not. Wheeler appealed to the ASPCA that children were members of the animal kingdom, and must therefore be protected.

"It was on these grounds that the ASPCA did finally intervene. Mary-Ellen was removed from her abusive home, placed in foster care, where she thrived. She went on to marry and have two daughters. Mary-Ellen lived to the age of 92.

"Mary-Ellen is considered the very first child abuse case in North America. Her case led to the founding in 1874 of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children with child protection as its primary mandate."

"This is a great time to be looking back and taking stock to see if we are doing everything we can for our children and our communities," said guest speaker Col. Mary Garr, commander, 502d Mission Support Group, at the



Photos by Cheryl Harrison

Col. Mary Garr, commander, 502nd Mission Support Group, shows off her pitching arm in throwing the first ceremonial pitch for the youth baseball program.

end of the film.

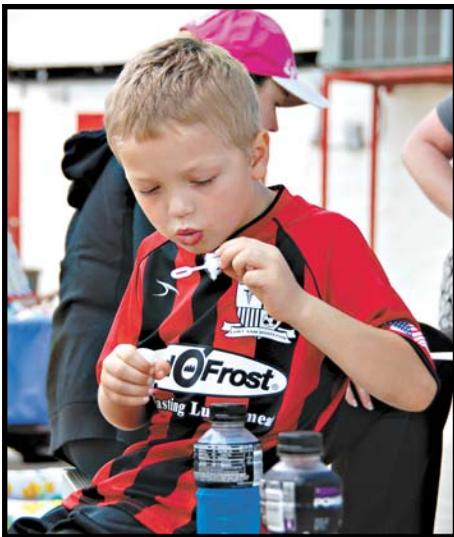
"It is very important to recognize child abuse prevention not just during this month, but throughout the year."

Following the reading of the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation, Garr reminded people of the festivities to be held in recognition of the two months, and also about the opening of the youth baseball program season, held at Dodd Field.

The "Celebrate our Future" Family Fun Day began early April 2 with Garr tossing out the first pitch to open the youth baseball program.

"The day is all about you - kids, big and small," Garr said. "As your parents are out there defending our nation, putting themselves in harm's way, you are back here keeping up the spirit, keeping them motivated. You are the reason we are fighting for our future and for the way of life we have today."

The ump's cry of "play ball" followed, as well as games, crafts, music, bouncy castles, cake walks and a visit from the Easter Bunny.



Patrick Kennedy was thrilled with all the prizes he accumulated while playing the many games offered the Family Fun Day recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child and opening day for youth baseball. After playing a great soccer match he enjoyed blowing bubbles and playing with the "loot" he'd won.



Two-and-a-half year old Hayden Tipton was showed no fear when it came to sliding down one of the six bouncies were set up as part of the Family Fun Day, which recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child and opening day for youth baseball.

Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

Free Membership to Sittercity

Sittercity is an online database that allows families to view and screen local caregivers before meeting them face to face. They can assist in finding babysitters, nannies, certified CDH/FCC care givers, elderly care, pet sitters, housekeepers and tutors. Memberships are funded by the DOD and families must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to be eligible. Visit <http://www.sittercity.com/dod> to register.

Great Getaways

Enter now through June 15 for a chance to win a trip for two to an Armed Forces Recreation Center Resort destination. The winner will have the option of visiting one of the five AFRC resort destinations: Cape Henry Inn near Virginia Beach, Edelweiss Lodge & Resort

in South Germany, Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort, Hale Koa Hotel on Waikiki beach, or Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea. The prize package will include airfare, lodging for two and \$2,500. Visit http://www.edelweisslodgesort.com/great_getaway.html for entry and rules.

Golf Fee Increase

Annual golf fees has increased at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Call 222-9386 or visit <http://www.FortSamHoustonMWR.com> for details.

Discounted Fiesta Tickets

The Ticket Office will be selling discounted tickets for NIOSA, Oyster Bake and Taste of New Orleans. The Ticket Office is located inside the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Call 226-1663.

Coolest Toys, Hottest Gadgets Sweepstakes

In honor of Month of the Military Child military youth can enter the Coolest Toys, Hottest Gadgets

Sweepstakes through April 30 for a chance to win an Apple iPad, Xbox 360 S, NOOK Color and more. To enter and view the rules, visit <http://www.MWRPromotions.com>.

Story Time at the Library

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library invites parents with toddlers and preschool age children to story time Thursdays at 10 a.m. for stories, singing and arts and crafts. Call 221-4702.

Outdoor Movie Nights

Mark your calendars -- April 15, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" at the flagpole; April 16 "Toy Story 3" at Dodd Field; April 29, "TRON: Legacy" at the flagpole and April 30, "Tangled" at Dodd Field. All movies begin at dusk around 8 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. Call 221-2418/2704.

Operation Baby Shower

Sign up now for the 3rd Annual Operation Baby Shower May 13, 2-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. This event is

for expecting parents and those with babies under 1 year old. Call 221-0349, 221-2418 or visit <http://operationbabyshower2011.wufoo.com/forms/3rd-annual-operation-baby-shower-registration/>.

Catfish Pond at Camp Bullis

Camp Bullis has opened the pay-as-you-go catfish pond. Catfish are \$2 per pound (live weight). No fishing license required. Pole rental is \$1. Call 295-7577.

Microsoft Office Classes

April 13 -- Intro to Computers
April 14 -- Word Level 1
April 19 -- Excel Level 1
Classes are 8 a.m.-noon at the Roadrunner Community Service, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2518/2705.

Calendar of Events

April 7 Infant Massage

Classes are April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10-11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. To register, call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Parenting

Classes are April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349.

Autism Awareness Month

The recognition ceremony is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0600/2705.

Parent-to-Parent

The class is 1-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

Couple's Enrichment

Classes are April 7, 14 and 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

FRG Leader/FRSA Forum

The training is 6-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

April 8 Nurturing Parenting, Reasonable Expectations of a Child

The class is 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2705.

April 9 Key Caller

The training is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Bring a bag lunch. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

April 10 Fiesta & Fireworks

Fort Sam Houston's largest event, Fiesta and Fireworks, will be 1-9 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Enjoy live entertainment, a wide variety of food and beverages, elaborate military ceremonies and fireworks finale. Open to the public. Visit <http://www.FortSamHouston-MWR.com> for more information.

April 11 Debt Liquidation

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

Doctor Dads

Classes are April 11, 18 and

25, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

April 12 Re-Entry Workshop

The training is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1681.

BEAMS a.m.

This six-part series beginning April 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349.

Using Credit Wisely

The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

April 13 Post Deployment Planning

The class is 9-10:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

Bringing Baby Home

The class is 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349.

Overseas Relocation

The class is 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1681.

Women Encouraging Women

The seminar is noon-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. The topic is "5 Love Languages in the Relationship." Call 221-0349.

Mandatory Initial First Term Financial Readiness

The class is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

April 15 Talent Contest

The deadline to register is April 15. The show will be held May 5 from 7-10:30 p.m. Open to DOD I.D. card holders. First place/\$150, second place/\$100, third place/\$50. The top three place winners will automatically advance to this year's Festival of the Performing Arts Show. Call 224-7250 or 221-4016.



Announcements

First Aid Station Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross, San Antonio Area Chapter is seeking volunteers to staff First Aid Stations and hand out water at the Battle of Flowers Parade April 15 from 7 a.m. until the parade is over. Volunteers must be 18 or older, be certified in adult/infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator and first aid, and required to clear a background check. Call

242-6569 for information.

Diabetes Study

Do you have Type 2 diabetes? Are you overweight? You may be a candidate for a research study entitled, "Sleeve gastrectomy versus medical management for remission of diabetes in mild to moderately obese patients." Candidates must be military medical beneficiaries (retired and family members of active duty and retired), 18-65 years old, diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and on medication. Active duty personnel are unable to participate. Call 292-2210 for information.

Painkiller Study

Wilford Hall Medical Center is conducting a study regarding the use of hydrocodone. Participants will be compensated at the

conclusion of the study. Email kcarey@gvvc.com for information.

Association for Global Logistics and Transportation

The San Antonio Chapter's Association for Global Logistics and Transportation, National Defense Transportation Association brings members together from military, government, and commercial sectors to share experience and expertise from all realms of logistics. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Grady's BBQ, 6510 San Pedro Ave. All are welcome. Call 652-3305 or 830-422-1547.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each

month at 5 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center on Patch Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-3887 for information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-5194.

Summer Employment Opportunities

Visit the USA Jobs website for summer employment opportunities

at all the military installations around San Antonio. Positions are available for clerical, lifeguards, recreation aides, computer clerks and general laborers. To search jobs, visit <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/A9DeptAirForce.aspx>.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

Calendar of Events

April 7 Cloverleaf Communicators Speech Contest

The speech contest begins at 11:45 a.m. in the FSH San Antonio Credit Union conference room. The club is open to military,

family members and civilians who would like to enhance their leadership and communication skills. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

Military Appreciation at Fiesta Carnival

Anyone with a military I.D. card can get an unlimited-ride wristband for \$10, a 50 percent discount, from 6-11 p.m. The Fiesta Carnival runs April 6-17 at the Alamodome's Parking Lot C. Visit <http://www.wadeshows.com> and click on the Fiesta link for information.

April 8 Sidewalk Sale

IHG Army Hotels is having a sidewalk sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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REMINDER CALENDAR

- April 7** Autism Awareness Month ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center
- April 9** Caminada de Fiesta Walk, 7:30 a.m., AMEDD Museum
- April 10** Fiesta & Fireworks, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field
- April 21** NMTC, Navy Hospital School Re-Designation, 10 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field
- April 26** Newcomer's Extravaganza, 9:30 a.m., Sam Houston Club
- April 27** Health and Wellness Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center
- April 28** Consolidated Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 9 a.m., Quadrangle

COMMUNITY from P19

in the back parking lot of the Powless Guest House near Brooke Army Medical Center. Items for sale include furniture, artwork and VCRs. Call 357-2705 ext. 5142 for information.

**April 9
Caminada de Fiesta Walk**

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the U. S. Army Medical Department Museum, 3410 Stanley Road, Building 1046. Walks start between 7:30 a.m. and noon,

finish by 3 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers/>.

Viva Botanica

This Fiesta garden event is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Events include children's parade, crafts and games, calligraphy demonstrations, music and dancing. Admission is \$8/adult, \$6/military and \$5/children. Visit <http://www.sabot.org> for information.

**April 11
American Society of Military Comptrollers**

The Alamo City Chapter of ASMC will host a luncheon at 11:30 am at ALDACO's in Sunset Station. Dennis Alba will speak about Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity Financial

Management Operations. To reserve at seat, call 221-0107.

**April 12-13
USAF Band of the West Concert**

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West presents Heroes to Remember: A Salute to our Veterans, April 12-13 at 7 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. Get free tickets a Fiesta San Antonio Commission, 2611 Broadway. Call 217-5191.

**April 16
Canyon Lake Walk**

The San Marcos River Walkers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the Dunbar Center, 801 W. Martin Luther King Dr., San Marcos. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 512-396-4463.



For Sale: Recumbent exercise bicycle, like new, \$75 obo. Call 504-368-4168.

For Sale: Harley Davidson Softail Deluxe, 2,200 miles, perfect condition, two-tone paint and many extra's, \$17,250 obo. Call 262-3892.

For Sale: Ladies La-Z-boy recliner, excellent condition, rose velour material, \$50; golf clubs 3-9 irons, pitching wedge and sand wedge, new heads, square grooves, light weight shafts, \$50. Call 254-9262.

For Sale: Therapeutic king-size water bed complete with heater, wood-frame with six-drawer pedestal, headboard, recently

reupholstered bed rails and lumbar support mattress with safety liner, mattress and safety liner purchased new in February, \$299. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Male and female Maltese, 1 ½ year old, female is spayed, prefer they stay together, very loveable and house trained, great with children, many accessories including crate, toys and gates, \$700 both or \$400 each. Call 367-5220 for interview.

Wanted: Old military green fatigues, khakis, BDU's, ACU's, ABU's, Navy dungarees, can pick up. Call 658-1643.

To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless the submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

Lenten and Passover Activities

CATHOLIC

April 14

Stations of the Cross – 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel

April 17 Palm Sunday

- Normal Worship Service Schedule
- Archbishop at 9:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Seder Supper, 4 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel

April 18

- Dinner – 5:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel
- Confirmation – 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 20

- Presentation of “Shroud of Turin,” 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 21 Holy (Maundy) Thursday

- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 at the Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel

April 22 Good Friday

- Passion, 11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel

- Passion, 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel

April 23

- Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 24 Easter

- Regularly Scheduled Worship Service Schedule

PROTESTANT

April 17 Palm Sunday

- Choir Cantata, 8 and 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 21

Living Last Supper, 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 22 Good Friday

- Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel

April 24 Easter

- Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Military Housing Office 407 Dickman Rd.
- Regularly Scheduled Worship Service Schedule

JEWISH

April 8, 15, 22 and 29

- Shabbat Services, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

April 18-26 Passover

April 18-19 Seder

- (Call Lay Leader, 379-8666 for information.)

April 22

- Sabbath Passover, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Kosher food following YESKOR Memorial Service (8th Day of Passover) (call 379-8666 for information)

Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

Dining Room Breakfast Hours:

Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m., weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.

Friday – April 8

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of potato soup, muligatawny soup, jaegerschnitzel, chicken cordon bleu, grilled chicken breasts, vegetable stuffed peppers, noodles Jefferson, German potato cakes, peas and celery, red cabbage with sweet and sour sauce

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Bombay chicken, barbecued beef cubes, grilled pork chops, red beans and rice, oven browned potatoes, steamed rice, honey dijon vegetables, yellow squash

Saturday – April 9

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Asian stir fry soup, cream of mushroom soup, Greek lemon turkey pasta, tropical baked pork chops, Cajun baked catfish, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, hopping john rice, cauliflower,

collard greens

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Herb baked chicken, meat loaf, baked stuffed fish, baked manicotti with sauce, rice pilaf, potatoes au gratin, asparagus, sliced carrots

Sunday – April 10

Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken egg drop soup, cream of tomato soup, orange chicken stir fry, hamburger yakisoba, vegetable egg rolls, vegan pierogy, mustard dill baked fish, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, vegetable stir fry

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Sauteed shrimp, steak ranchero, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, barbecued pork sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetarian burgers, mashed potatoes, baked beans, broccoli, sauteed onions and mushrooms, sweet potato fries

Monday – April 11

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Zesty bean soup, cream of

broccoli soup, beef pot pie with biscuits, honey chicken wings, baked cod, bean burritos, jalapeno potato wedges, rice, Kansas medley, calico cabbage, mixed vegetables

Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Asian barbecued turkey, beef enchiladas, lemon baked fish, Italian broccoli pasta, refried beans, mashed potatoes, carrots, green peas

Tuesday – April 12

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cream of chicken soup, beef noodle soup, roast pork tenderloin, herbed cornish hens, pork adobo, broccoli-rice and cheese, O'Brien potatoes, wild rice, French-style green beans, California Normandy combo

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Oven fried chicken, roast beef, Mexican baked chicken, vegetarian nuggets, baked redskin potatoes, steamed rice, turnip greens, mixed vegetables

Wednesday – April 13

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

French onion soup, cream of potato soup, savory baked chicken, Italian rice and beef, grilled ham steaks, pasta primavera, caviar medley rice blend, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Braised beef and noodles, ginger teriyaki salmon, hot and spicy chicken wings, potatoes and herbs, brown rice, carrots, green bean combo

Thursday- April 14

Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vegetable soup, corn chowder soup, Creole macaroni, chipper perch, meat loaf, vegetarian burritos, brown rice, O'Brien potatoes, Japanese vegetable stir fry, carrots

Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken pot pie, barbecued beef cubes, lemon baked fish, cheese tortellini with marinara sauce, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, club spinach

Menus are subject to change without notice.